

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

January 10, 2006

This special meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:10 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: Jeff Hook, Rick Kamalyan; The Office of the County Counsel: Sheilah Curtis, Johanna Fontenot, Roger Granbo, Leela Kapur, David Kelsey, Philip Miller, Julie Silva, Gordon Trask, Manuel Valenzuela, and Edward Yen; Sheriff's Department: Shaun Mathers, Probation Department: Robert Smythe, Yolanda Yoy, Frank Wilson; Internal Services Department: Gretchen Pieper; Board of Supervisors: Katrina Rogers; Office of Affirmative Action: Marcus Castro, Hayward Harris

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:10 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 12:50 p.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Elvira Rodriguez v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV 03-6883 RSWL

This lawsuit concerns allegations of the use of excessive force by a Sheriff's deputy.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$175,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. PharmChem Inc. v. County of Los Angeles  
Norwalk Superior Court Case No. VC 044 584

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a breach of contract regarding drug abuse testing services for the Probation Department.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and Rocky Armfield approved; John F. Krattli was absent.**

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- c. Ramon S. Melendez v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC 042 307

This lawsuit concerns payment for life saving medical services provided by the County of Los Angeles.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter to accept payment in the amount of \$37,040.08 and \$66,143.00 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- d. County of Los Angeles v. Sandra Shewry and State Department of Health Services  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 090 939

This lawsuit concerns payments under the State Medi-Cal program.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter to accept payment in the amount of \$365,714 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- e. Donato Garcia v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 288 712

This lawsuit seeks compensation for alleged defamatory statements made by two County employees.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Rocky Armfield and John F. Krattli approved; Maria M. Oms abstained.**

- f. Benjamin Gonzalez v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC 043 505

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries arising from an automobile accident with an Internal Services Department vehicle.

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**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- g. Linda Alegria v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 044 503

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries arising from a vehicle accident with a Sheriff's patrol unit.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$150,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- h. Martin Davis v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 295 561

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries sustained by the plaintiff while placed in a holding cell.

**This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.**

- i. Richard Duran v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 873

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Probation Department was subjected to disability discrimination.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- j. William Gardner v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 319 183

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to employment discrimination.

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**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- k. Linda Labon-Banks v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 314 293

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to employment discrimination.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- l. Wallace McCabe v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 318 270


This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the District Attorney's Office was subjected to employment discrimination.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$130,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 6, 2006.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2006

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: Michael Vacchio; The Office of the County Counsel: Johanna Fontenot, Manuel Valenzuela, Jr.; Department of Health Services: Kim McKenzie, Laura Sarff; Department of Public Works: Allan Abramson; Office of Affirmative Action: Hayward Harris, Jr.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:04 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:40 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Brian Kuo v. City of San Marino, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 337 465

This lawsuit seeks compensation for damages caused by a defective storm drain.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$24,750 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. Karen Syverson v. County of Los Angeles  
Norwalk Superior Court Case No. VC 043 223

This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries sustained when plaintiff tripped and fell at the Sheriff's Training Academy.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$50,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- c. Jimmie L. Gibson v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 156

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to employment discrimination.

**This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.**

- d. Claim of City of Pasadena

This claim seeks compensation for damages caused by a ruptured storm drain.

**The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$61,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- e. Martin Davis v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 295 561

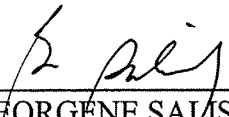
This lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries sustained by the plaintiff while placed in a holding cell.

**This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.**

Minutes for the December 19, 2005 Claims Board meeting was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next regular Claims Board meeting date will be a holiday. A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

February 21, 2006

This special meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:06 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: Michael Vacchi; The Office of the County Counsel: Talin Halabi, Paul Hanson, Karen Lichtenberg, Manuel Valenzuela, Jr.; Department of Health Services: Elizabeth Baca, Laura Sarff; Department of Public Works: Tom Hoagland

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:06 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:28 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. HPD, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 326 882

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a breach of contract arising from a Department of Public Works project.

**This matter was continued to the next meeting.**

- b. Jimmie L. Gibson v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 156

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to employment discrimination.

**This matter was continued to the next meeting.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2006.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

February 27, 2006

This special meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:04 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, John F. Krattli, and Rocky Armfield was absent; Outside Counsel: Michael Vacchi; The Office of the County Counsel: Paul Hanson, Karen Lichtenberg, Manuel Valenzuela, Jr.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:04 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 8:39 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. HPD, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 326 882

This lawsuit concerns allegations of a breach of contract arising from a Department of Public Works project.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$425,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield absent.**

- b. Jimmie L. Gibson v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 156

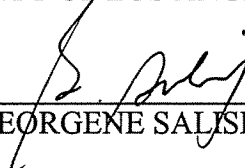
This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Health Services was subjected to employment discrimination.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$300,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield absent.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2006.

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